



Minnesota Ag News – Prospective Plantings

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MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN ACREAGE INTENTIONS HOLD STEADY

(NOTE: The acreage that farmers actually plant in Minnesota and the U.S. may change from those published in this report due to many factors, including availability of credit, commodity prices, changing weather conditions, and the availability of inputs at the time producers must make final planting decisions.)

CORN growers in Minnesota intend to plant an estimated 7.6 million acres for all purposes, unchanged from 2009.

SOYBEAN growers intend to plant an estimated 7.2 million acres, unchanged from 2009.

SPRING WHEAT planting intentions are estimated at 1.5 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

OAT planting intentions, at 275 thousand acres, are up 10 percent from 2009 planted acres.

BARLEY planting intentions increased 21 percent from last year to 115 thousand acres.

SUGARBEET planting intentions, of 445 thousand acres, are down 4 percent from last year.

ALL SUNFLOWER planting intentions, of 74 thousand acres, are up 4 percent from 2009.

- **OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 46 thousand acres, are up 2 percent from 2009.

- **NON-OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 28 thousand acres, are up 8 percent from last year.

Crop	2009 Planted	2010 Intentions	2010/2009
	<i>-1,000 acres-</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Corn	7,600	7,600	100
Soybeans	7,200	7,200	100
All Wheat	1,655	1,570	95
Spring Wheat	1,600	1,500	94
Winter Wheat 1/	55	70	127
Oats	250	275	110
Barley	95	115	121
Dry Beans	150	200	133
Sugarbeets	463	445	96
Flaxseed	3	4	133
All Sunflower	71	74	104
Oil	45	46	102
Non-Oil	26	28	108
Canola	13	31	238
All Hay 2/	2,050	2,000	98

1/ Acres planted in preceding fall.
2/ Harvested acres.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn Planted Acreage Up 3 Percent from 2009
Soybean Acreage Up Less Than 1 Percent
All Wheat Acreage Down 9 Percent

Corn growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Expected acreage is up in many States due to reduced winter wheat acreage and expectations of improved net returns. Acreage increases of 300,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Iowa, down 200,000 acres, and Texas, down 150,000 acres.

Soybean producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010, up less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area will be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 or more are expected in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The largest decreases are expected in Georgia and North Carolina, both 150,000 acres less than 2009. If intentions are realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 53.8 million acres, down 9 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2010 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.